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SUBJECT: EXPLORATION OF VERIFICATION PROBLEMS WITH SOVIETS

(SALT TWO 392)

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1. AS NOTED REFTTEL A, SHCHUKIN HAS CLEARLY BEEN DESIGNATED TO
EXPLORE MIRV VERIFICATION PROBLEMS WITH NITZE AND IS WELL BRIEFED
TO ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS. I INTERPRET THIS AS A FAVORABLE PORTENT
OF A GENUINE INTEREST IN EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITIES OF A MEANINGFUL
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MIRV LIMITATION. WHETHER THE DECISIONS THEY ULTIMATELY TAKE WILL
BE IN THE BALL PARK OF WHAT WE WOULD FIND ACCEPTABLE, OF COURSE,
REMAINS TO BE SEEN. HOWEVER, TO EXPLORE TO THE MAXIMUM THE TREND
OF THEIR THINKING, I THINK IT IMPORTANT TO ENCOURAGE THE DIALOGUE

WHICH SHCHUKIN CLEARLY WANTS TO HAVE WITH NITZE. THEREFORE, UNLESS
WASHINGTON HAS OTHER VIEWW, I AM AUTHORIZING NITZE TO CONTINUE
THIS DIALOGUE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF ATTEMPTING TO ELICIT SOVIET VIEWS
ON MIRVED MISSILE VERIFICATION, WHILE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT ANY VIEWS
THAT NITZE MAY FIND IT NECESSARY TO EXPRESS ON POSSIBLE PATHS TO
SOLUTIONS THAT MAY COME UP IN THE COURSE OF SUCH CONVERSATIONS
ARE ENTIRELY PERSONAL AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT U. S. G. VIEWS

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